intricacies of the negotiations that we will have to look into. At our conference with the WTO at Geneva, as a partner, we discussed these issues. In the Brussels Conference of the least developed countries, the same concerns were raised by the least developed countries. I was in Doha. Almost bargaining was going on there. When we had a Conference of the IPU in support of the Doha Ministerial Conference, I wish I could stand there, when the Chairman was presiding, so that I could tell him how the support of the Parliamentarians of the developing countries can be taken. If I can be of any help to you, that will help and strengthen your hands. When Shri Mukherjee came, I referred to the ruling I gave that day, when I was addressing, that our Parliament can discuss these issues, but our Parliament, according to the Constitution, is not authorised to ratify any treaty or agreement that you sign abroad. But in many developing countries of Africa and Asia, the Parliaments have to ratify treaties and it is where the problem comes. Mr. Minister, I would request you to take the help of the Parliamentarians of developing countries and, then, you will have better support while you bargain.

The House is adjourned for lunch for one hour.

The House then adjourned for lunch at twenty-two minutes past one of the clock.

The House re-assembled, after lunch, at twenty-three minutes past two of the clock,

[THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI) in the Chair]

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (RAILWAYS) 2001-2002

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): Sir, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways), for the year 2001-2002.

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION

Decisions adopted at the 4th ministerial meeting in connection with W.T.O. negotiations recently concluded at Doha, which have far reaching implications on the Agriculture, Textile, Pharmaceutical and Chemical Sectors etc. of the country - contd.